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## 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division's Tropic Lightning Week

WHO: 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, HI

WHAT: 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division's Tropic Lightning Week

WHERE: Schofield Barracks, HI

WHEN: September 26-September 30, 2011.

WHY: For 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division units to demonstrate the pride and heritage of the Division

**BACKGROUND**: Soldiers of the 25th Infantry Division, stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii will conduct Tropic Lightning Week which commemorates the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tropic Lightning Division. The TLW will also showcase the pride, history and future of the 25<sup>th</sup> ID to our Soldiers, Families and Veterans. This is a time set aside to focus on unit cohesion and Esprit De Corps, a time for our Soldiers to display their skills during sporting and Soldier skill events. Our veterans are encouraged to join us in Tropic Lightning Week for a chance to be recognized for their sacrifices and have a chance to interact with soldiers of the 25th ID. Two major events will be available for press attendance: static displays of military equipment on Weyand Field, Schofield Barracks on September 30<sup>th</sup> and a memorial ceremony at the National Cemetary of the Pacific (Punchbowl) on October 2nd which will include a ceremonial salute battery.

**MEDIA NOTE**: *Interested media must RSVP no later than* September 20, 2011. RSVPs should be made by emailing Sgt 1<sup>st</sup> Class Joe M. Battle at <u>joe.battle@us.army.mil</u> or by phone 808-655-4756.